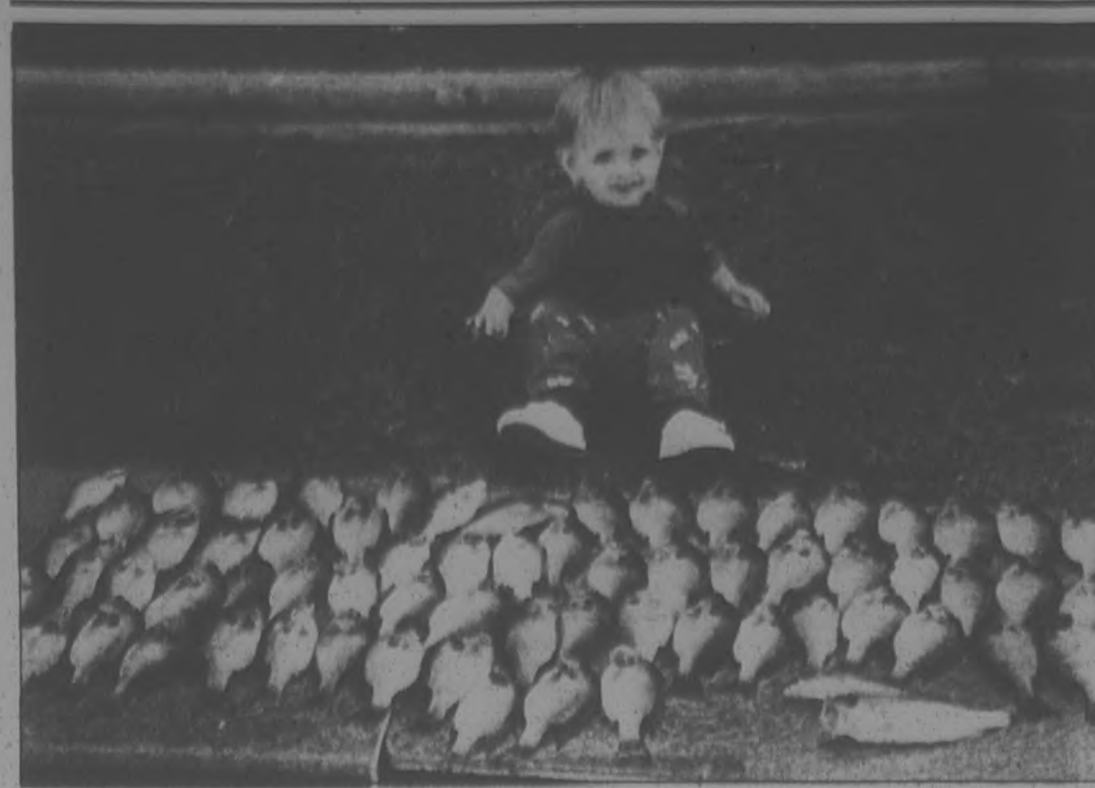


COMMUNITY NEWS



WHAT A CATCH... Preston Millay is pictured above showing off a large mess of fish caught by Corey Millay, Meghan Millay and Johnny Berry while fishing at a private pond on Tuesday, March 13. The mess of fish consists of 65 bream and 2 bass.

Zion Chapel student selected for European trip

Roy King, an eighth grade student at Zion Chapel High School, is one of 30 students selected in Central Alabama by People to People International and Governor Don Siegelman to be a member of the official State of Alabama delegation traveling to England, Ireland and Wales this summer.

King is an honor student at Zion Chapel and is president of the Jr. Beta Club and the 4-H Club. He said he is very excited about the trip because it is something he may never get to do again. This is a chance for him to see historical sites and places that he has studied about



Roy King

how he does them as he shares his ways with the people as well. King will be keeping a log on his trip. When he returns he will be able to relate his adventures to his school and other community activities.

People to People was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. He believed the world would be a better place and people would get along better if they could meet each other one-on-one.

Foster parent meeting set for March 26

The Coffee County Department of Human Resources Foster Parent Association will have their monthly meeting on Monday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the DHR conference room. All foster parents or prospective foster parents are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Anita Grimes at 348-2044.

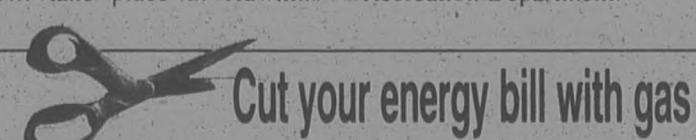
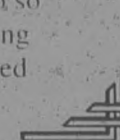
Elba Parks and Recreation Dept. plans April 7 Easter egg hunt

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7. There will be two separate hunts: Youth age 12 and Under will hunt for eggs at 9 a.m. and the young-at-heart age 60 and Over will hunt for eggs at 2 p.m. This event will take place at Hawkins Williams Park, located on Champ McCollough Drive. The hunt will be \$1 per person. The Elba Parks and Recreation, State Farm, Crazy Bills and The National Security Group, Inc. All proceeds raised will be used for the summer programs of the Elba Parks and Recreation Department.

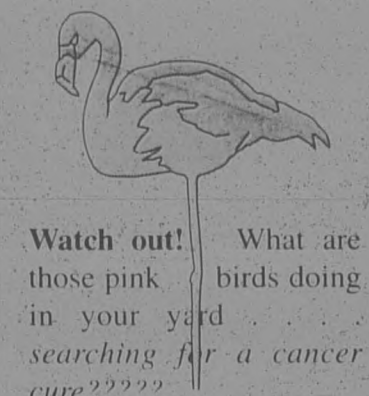


Spring Book Sale planned for April 5 at Enterprise Public Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale at the Enterprise Public Library on Thursday, April 5, from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate books, in good condition, may do so by dropping them off at the library during regular business hours. Proceeds are used



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INSURANCE QUESTION ARISES AGAIN

ESJC asks county for \$500,000

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of Enterprise State Junior College, appeared before the Coffee County Commission Monday morning, March 26, presenting them with a proposal requesting support - \$500,000 - for a new facility soon to be constructed on ESJC's campus in Enterprise.

Construction on the 58,000 square foot building is set to begin in the very near future and will house industrial training facilities (open bay labs), the cultural arts, and also serve as an instructional facility (fine arts).

Dr. Thompson pointed out that this facility will be an asset to Coffee County and the surrounding area in recruiting industry because it will provide a location and facilities to train a work force.

"With this facility, we would have the opportunity to train the work force that any industry would be interested in coming into our area," he said. Dr. Stafford told commissioners this project is a "total effort" of education, government (city, county, state and federal), private industry, and the general public. The estimated total cost of the project is just over \$6 million.

He mentioned that the Department of Commerce has already been asked to provide \$1 million toward this project, and "hopefully these funds will be forth coming this year."

Local state legislative delegations from the area are being asked to secure \$2 million in

funds for the project, and the insurance question is being asked to secure as much or more.

Stafford pointed out that civic organizations, community and county governments will be allowed to spread their (pledges) contributions over a five year time span should they desire to do so.

The commission, after hearing Dr. Thompson's proposal, did not take any action on the matter.

Ronnie Donaldson, representing Ronnie Donaldson Insurance Agency of Enterprise, addressed the commissioners concerning the action they took in their last meeting in providing the same death benefit (\$25,000) for employees 70-years-old and older as is provided for younger employees.

Donaldson told commissioners he felt the plan he proposed to provide offered better coverage for county employees than did the one accepted by the commission. Using a chart he pointed out that his plan cost \$9 per month per employee where as the National Security's plan (the one accepted by the commission) cost \$10.75 per month per employee. Donaldson's proposed plan cost the county annually - \$17,604, while the National Security plan cost \$21,027 annually. The yearly savings to the county would be \$3,423.

"My question to the county is, do we have \$3,423 to spend on something when you can get it cheaper?" asked Donaldson.

After Mr. Donaldson's presentation, Commissioner Tom

Grimley made a motion that the insurance matter be reconsidered due to the \$9 verses \$10.75 cost per employee, and that the county accept his [Donaldson's] plan.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple seconded the motion. Commissioner Kayo Lewis made a motion seconded by Commissioner Bernest Brooks that the matter be tabled until it can be discussed more at length. During the discussion of the motion to table, Commissioner Dalrymple pointed out that this was what he attempted to do in the last meeting when the proposals were voted on. There seemed to be some disagreement as to when commissioners received the proposals for their review.

The commission chairman, Linda Westbrook, said that she placed the proposals in each of the commissioner's "mail boxes," which are located in the commission office, on March 8. Commissioner Dalrymple said there was not one in his box, and he did not have sufficient time to review the proposals before voting on them. The matter was voted on in the March 12 meeting.

The motion to table passed by a 4-3 vote. Voting for the motion were Commissioners Brooks, Lewis, Westbrook, and Robert Stephens; opposing the motion were Commissioners Dalrymple, Grimley, and Jim Thompson.

After the fact, it was pointed out by both the County

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A NIGHT OF STARS... The contestants of the 2001 Miss Elba pageants took center stage last Saturday night, March 24, as they began the evening by entertaining the crowd gathered in the Elba High School auditorium with a dance performance. By the night's end, queens were crowned in the divisions of Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba and Miss Elba. Pictured above are contestants from the Junior Miss division and Miss division, along side Junior Miss Elba 2000 and Miss Elba 2000. They are from left (kneeling) Elizabeth Rae Walker, Casey Medlock, Junior Miss Elba 2000 Lauren Moore, Miss Elba 2000 Valerie Moore, Mary Katherine Head and Danielle Gideon; (standing) Lauren Suiley, Lyndsay Kathryn Lawford, Shay Johnson, Carey Holloway, Anna Marie Anderson and Nim Patel.

Elba PD arrests murder suspect

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Elba Police Department has arrested a local man on a fugitive from justice warrant.

According to Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, David Lee Barnes, age 31, of 1297 Ann Street, has been arrested on charges of murder and robbery of a female in Northampton, Virginia. The alleged incident

occurred on Jan. 29, 1988; however, the warrant for Barnes was not issued by the Northampton Police Department until last Friday, March 23, 2001.

Whitworth said Barnes was taken into custody without incident on the same day the fugitive from justice warrant was issued. The suspect was placed in the Coffee County Jail to await the arrival of Virginia authorities. He has waived extradition.

In an unrelated incident, police were called to a shooting at approximately 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, it was reported that Jerry C. Foster, 32, of Lot 33 Powell Circle, Elba, had allegedly fired several shots into

an occupied vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that an altercation had occurred, and that the incident resulted in shots being fired at the victims.

The vehicle involved in the incident was reportedly occupied by Adrian Sewell, 24, of 516 Williams Street, Elba, and a 16-year-old male juvenile. Several rounds struck the vehicle. Inv. Senn stated that the two occupants of the vehicle were not injured and did not require medical treatment.

Foster was arrested without incident and charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, which is a Class B felony. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail pending release on bond.

Board votes to increase all Elba electric rates effective April 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

In a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon the Elba Water and Electric Board voted unanimously to implement the electric rate increases which had been proposed and tabled at the last meeting. The new rates are effective with electric power used on or after April 1st.

At the last meeting, board members questioned the impact of the increase on lower income citizens and asked for a breakdown on these numbers. The new rates are as follows:

Residential Service will be 3.068 per kWh plus a base charge of \$8.00, up from \$5.065 per kWh and \$4.00 base charge. There are approximately 1,387 customers in this category and their average electric consumption is 1,427 kWh. Under the new rate the average residential bill will increase \$8.28 per month.

Information presented to board members Tuesday indicate that the 447 lowest volume residential utility users, who use an average of 248 units of power

each month, will see a rate increase of \$4.75 per month. **Small Commercial Service** will be \$0.073 per kWh with an \$8.00 basic flat rate, up from \$0.07 per kWh and a \$4.00 basic flat rate. There are 304 customers in this category and the average electric consumption is 2,347 kWh. Under the new rate the average small commercial bill will increase \$11.04.

Large Commercial Service is more complicated and includes a Demand Charge, which means they pay at least this demand every month for a year after it is set, regardless of the amount of current used. These Demand Charge numbers will not change under the new rates. Proposed rates start at \$0.52 per kWh for the first 3,000 kWh; plus \$0.049 per kWh for the next 2,000 kWh; plus \$0.043 for all over 15,000 kWh. These large commercial rates reflect \$0.03 per kWh increase in each category. There are 37 customers in this category and they average using 16,500 kWh. The average

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Pictured above (l-r) are: Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford, Sen. Jimmy Holley, Barbara and Don Holley, Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, and Rep. Terry Spicer.

popularity created a demand for increased production. Thus a need for more space and modernization of equipment was the catalyst for the expansion. Currently employing over 30 individuals, Coffee Baking Company looks to increase the number of employees to approximately 60 by the end of 2001.

Capital investment in the new project is significant for both the structure and new equipment. Financing was made possible through a zero interest loan from USDA Rural Development applied for by Covington Electric Cooperative who in turn granted the loan to Coffee Baking Company. The Peoples Bank of Coffee County in Elba and owner's equity provided the balance of funds.

On hand for this special occasion were: Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, State Representative Terry Spicer, and State Senator Jimmy Holley who commented, "I am very pleased jobs are being created

and they appear to be of a very permanent nature. They are meaningful in that they will support the local economy and families of this area."

Area Happenings

NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in city hall.

COUNTY ROE MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, April 5, in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

VIETNAM VETS MEET. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5, at the Clayhatchee Community House. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. sharp. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

EHS BAND DAY. Elba High School Band Day will be Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the courthouse square. Activities will include entertainment by the elementary and high school bands throughout the day, a large yard sale, Jail for Jail, and an auction. Barbecue plate tickets will be sold by band members or may be purchased at Whitman Drugs.



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A mean old virus hit this week and writing Brainstorms has taken a back seat to surviving! If nothing else gets written, a salute goes out to the members of the Elba Water and Electric Department who jumped into their trucks recently and drove to Evergreen to help those folks recover from the ravages of an afternoon tornado. Americans are so dependent on electricity that when the electric power is off, almost nothing gets done. Their job was to help get the electric power back up and running, but we kinda wish that they had had time to help our friends at the newspaper office, which lost a wall and part of their roof to the storm. We know all too well what it means to improvise when Mother Nature steps in and disrupts the routine of publishing a weekly newspaper. Saturday afternoon it appeared the damage had been temporarily repaired with big sheets of plastic, and true to form, they did publish a paper on schedule.

Spicer supports change in Alabama's electoral process

The House Committee on Elections demonstrated their commitment to improving Alabama's electoral process Wednesday, by passing two significant bills relating to both Presidential and state elections out of committee. HB 433 provides a significant change in how Alabama's electors are determined in Presidential and vice presidential elections.

"Many citizens are frustrated when the electoral votes are not an adequate representation of the percentage of votes a candidate actually receives," states Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "Not only will this be an improvement, it will further encourage voters who don't normally feel that their vote is significant to get out and vote for an elector they feel represents them."

Specifically, the bill allows for the number of electoral votes a candidate from a political party receives to reflect the percentage of the popular vote acquired by that party's candidate. Currently, there are nine presidential and vice presidential electors from Alabama, which is based on the total number of United States Senators and

From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

HOUSE APPROVES FUNDING FOR TORNADO SHELTERS

Last week, Alabama lawmakers brought to Washington's attention an issue of profound importance to the health and welfare of the citizens of our state: adequate protection against tornadoes. The U.S. House of Representatives voted 401 to 6 to allow local communities to use federal community development block grant funds to construct storm shelters in mobile home parks.

Unfortunately, Alabama and tornadoes are all too familiar with one another. Our state has made national headlines in recent years for some of the worst tornado-related destruction. Last December 16th was a nightmare for many residents in north-central Alabama who were in the path of a level F4 tornado. On that tragic day, 11 Alabamians lost their lives in what was to be one of the most destructive tornadoes in U.S. history.

In the Wiregrass on that same day, another tornado appeared out of the blue destroying more homes and property, injuring others and tragically taking still another life. Geneva, Newton, Pinckard, and Abbeville were among those to sustain damage and loss from the December 16th storms. Homes, businesses and lives were disrupted as the storm hit in the middle of the day and without warning.

Presently, candidates for the offices of district judge, circuit judge, state appellate court, and the State Supreme Court are nominated by political parties. Presently, candidates for the offices of district judge, circuit judge, state appellate court, and the State Supreme Court are nominated by political parties.

Legislators completed their seventh week of the session last Thursday.

By taking the party affiliation out of the ballot for these particular offices, we are ensuring that the best candidate is elected based on a more objective basis, focusing on their abilities and principles rather than the political party they are associated with," indicates Representative Spicer.

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 19, 2001, investigated the following incidents: two lost property, one menacing, one possession of marijuana, one dog bite, two domestic-violences, two thefts of property, one theft of services, two criminal trespasses, one trespassing, one suspicious person, two lost property, one discharging of a firearm into an occupied vehicle, on fugitive from justice, one harassing communication, two assaults, and one harassment.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for criminal trespassing, one for discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, one for assault, one for violation of parole, one for receiving stolen property, and one for domestic violence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for violation of the seat belt law, twenty for speeding, four for driver's license not in possession, one for expired driver's license, four for an expired tag, two for driving while driver's license are revoked, one for no driver's license, two for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for no proof of insurance, one for improper equipment, one for attempting to elude, and one for one headlight out.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, MARCH 19 - Possible burglary reported at a residence near Razzo's (6:00 a.m.); River stage - 9.75 feet (6:37 a.m.); Wreck reported on Claxton Avenue near the Dairy Queen (6:14 p.m.). TUESDAY, MARCH 20 - River stage - 17.29 feet (6:25 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to fire alarm at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home (8:17 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Guyton Street (12:56 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Brunson Circle and U. S. Hwy 84E (3:54 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Avenue (8:16 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 - River stage - 16.52 feet (6:14 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Larkin Road (9:00 p.m.); Routine activity. THURSDAY, MARCH 22 - River stage - 14.50 feet (6:18 a.m.); Routine activity. FRIDAY, MARCH 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (3:22 a.m.); River stage - 13.91 feet (6:14 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at the Dairy Queen (7:12 p.m.).

According to the National Weather Service's warning and forecast office near Birmingham, 43 tornadoes were reported in Alabama over the last 50 years. Alabama has seen 1,095 tornadoes, of which 276 travelled through Southeast Alabama. Many of us remember some of the more violent of these storms such as the deadly Oak Grove tornado of April 1998 and the Palm Sunday tornado of 1994 that devastated Piedmont. Already in 2001, Southeast Alabama has suffered at least two storm deaths when a suspected tornado touched down near Red Level in Covington County on March 12th.

The weather service points out that our state's worst occurrence was March 21, 1932 when two waves of tornadoes swept across Alabama killing more than 300 people. For sure, weather forecasting technology has dramatically improved since 1932. High tech computers, Doppler radar and satellites all aid the weather service in warning Alabamians about approaching storms. However, all too often, many either don't hear the warnings or do not have access to adequate shelter. More should be done to and communities to address the critical issue of tornado preparedness.

Last Thursday, the U.S. House approved legislation introduced by Congressman

Spencer Bachus, R-Vestavia Hills, which will give communities the flexibility to use federal community development block grant funds to build tornado safe storm shelters in mobile home parks. Current law only allows such funds to be used for shelter construction in low-to-moderate income housing communities and apartment buildings.

I was proud to both cosponsor and vote for the Tornado Shelters Act. This is a necessary revision of federal law that will certainly save lives in the future. (Congressman Terry Everett, 2312 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-2901).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 19, 2001, through March 25, 2001. They were: Crystal Webster, Deanna Hill, Velvet Coleman, Lenora Burks, Sue Jones, John Williams, Lamar Daniels, Shirley Thompson, Mary Carpenter, Jackie Boutwell, Algertha Williams, Mavis Burch, Ida Hooks, Tim Simmons, Ruby Cordle, Henson Cordle, Hoyette Price, Lianna Sutley, Samantha Giourard, Lucille Blue, and Latricia Stouemire.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Crystal Webster, Deanna Harbuck, Sonja Stanford, Carol Harbuck, Elvira Thomas, Deanna Hill, John Williams, Anna Simon, Sue Jones, Lamar Daniels, Lenora Burks, Velvet Coleman, Ida Hooks, Algertha Williams, Tim Simmons, Mavis Burch, Mary Carpenter, Ruby Cordle, Henson Cordle, Hoyette Price, and Ricardo Cooks.

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Obituaries

HAZEL MITCHELL

Mrs. Gladys (Bradshaw) McIntosh Phelps, age 83, of Enterprise, Ala., died March 25, 2001 at her home.

Mrs. Phelps was the daughter of the late Tom C. and Willie (Yohn) Bradshaw.

Funeral services were held March 27, 2001 from the Chapel of Seary Funeral Home in Enterprise with Bro. Sam Totten officiating. Burial followed in the Meadowlawn Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Phelps was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Phelps, a son, Guy McIntosh, a sister, Clyde Ryals, and four brothers: Lonnie, Fleming, Joyce and John Bradshaw. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Bobby Gene and Peggy McIntosh, Elba; Mark Phelps, Enterprise; Marilyn McIntosh, Chicopee, MA; two sisters: Merle Strickland, Enterprise; Grace Lawford, Elba; two brothers: Ernest and Marvin Bradshaw, both of Elba; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several other relatives.

CLOE LIVINGSTON

Mrs. Cloe Livingston, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died March 22, 2001 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held March 24, 2001 from the Chapel of Seary Funeral Home in Enterprise with Rev. Todd Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Goodman Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Carolyn Joyce and Stanley Kenneth Davis, Elba; one brother and three sisters-in-law: Samuel D. and Nadine Farris, Olfie Farris and Edna Farris, all of Elba; one brother-in-law: J.T. Campbell, Elba; four grandchildren: Timmy and Freddie Hataway, Opp; Kenneth Osborn, Ozark, Phillip Davis, New, Brockton, Tanya and John Mathews, Elba; eight great-grandchildren: Michael Hataway and K.C. Hataway, both of Opp; Blake Davis, Haley Davis, Breanna Mock and Courtney Mock, all of Elba; Tyler Hutchison and Brandon Davis, both of New Brockton.

ANNIE J. BROWN CASON

Mrs. Annie J. Brown Cason, born Sept. 25, 1952, of Elba, Ala., died March 18, 2001.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2001 from Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Supt. Joe Murray officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Cason Jr., two sons: Adrian Cason (Dani and Ellison Cason (Kasie), Elba; a brother, Leo Brown (Pearl); three sisters: Evelyn Davezan (Tony), Jacksonville, Fla.; Arlean F. Harris (Bruce), Enterprise; Beverly Liptrout (Lee), three grandchildren: Darian, Sydney and Kayla (Princess); and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

WILLIE FRANK "PETE" DANIELS

Mr. Willie Frank "Pete" Daniels, born July 6, 1952, of Elba, Ala., died March 17, 2001.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2001 at Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ in Elba with Supt. William Keith Ellison officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mendie Lee Daniels; his father: Deacon John "Jack" Daniels; one sister: Odessa (Bill) Robinson Sr.; one nephew: Bill (Rhonda) Robinson Jr.; one niece: Gayle (Bobby) Jordan; one great-niece: Dancesha Jordan; and two great-nephews: Da-Quan Jordan and Braxton Robinson.

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The family of JESSIE L. WINDHAM extends our deepest appreciation to everyone for your visits, thoughts, prayers, flowers and other expressions of care, shown to us during our time of loss and grief. It is through these expressions that God is revealed.

JACKIE & CHARLOTTE WINDHAM & CHILDREN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

I've just finished reading your opinion on the young Marine's refusal to take the "anthrax vaccination". Before condemning this young man, I would suggest that you get "all" the facts surrounding this particular inoculation and the fact that this young man only availed himself of the provisions provided under the "Uniform Code of Military Justice".

I have received several e-mails from friends either still in military service or connected with the military that emphatically state that there have been several deaths directly related to this vaccination and that there are still questions surrounding its use and effectiveness.

In the Marine Corps, there is such a thing called "Requesting Mast", under the provisions of the "Uniform Code of Military Justice" by which any member of the military having a problem

of any nature may seek solution of the problem as long as the chain of command is followed. This procedure starts with the individual's immediate superior and ends with the president of the United States.

In your opinion of this young Marine, you state that "blind obedience to orders" is necessary for a military group to function successfully. I would remind you that, "blind obedience to orders" was responsible for the C.I.A. testing LSD on military personnel without their knowledge, a little chemical called "Agent Orange," the My Lai Massacre, and who knows what else that the government has not seen fit to share with us as of this date.

I would also remind you that when you were sworn into the military that you swore to defend the United States and the United States Constitution from all enemies, both foreign and

domestic. You did not swear to defend the United Nations, its charter, or be a guinea pig for any kind of medical experiment without your knowledge of consent. Respectfully, Roy Grimes

Dear ELBA CLIPPER Readers:

When did you last spend time @ your library? As libraries in Elba celebrate National Library Week April 1-7, pay a visit to one of the excellent libraries in town. Over two hundred years ago Benjamin Franklin started a lending library and today thousands of public, school, and academic libraries continue that tradition.

Whether you are looking for leisure reading materials, sources for a research project, recipes, newspapers, magazines, videos, or Internet access, libraries can help. Being able to

strategic locations to monitor the cell blocks and the locks in the jail was experiencing a problem of inmates tampering with lock hardware.

"We're just having problems with inmates removing screws, bolts, locks, and we don't know how they're doing it," said Rugg. "We've tightened (screws, bolts, etc.) them down, chiseled them set - set them with a punch and chisel - and they're still taking them loose. How they're getting them off - we don't know."

It was noted that a complete "shake-down" [complete and thorough search] had been performed in the jail and no tools, with the exception of some Allen wrenches, were found. Rugg noted that it takes a special device (tool) to remove the screws and bolts used in the lock-down areas. Although the locks being tampered with do not allow inmates access to the outside - only between cell blocks - it could lead to a security problem.

After several minutes of discussion, approval was given to install surveillance cameras capable of recording events in

Level communities to Anderson Builders. The total bid was for \$317,664.

*Approval was given to use CDG Engineering of Andalusia in providing services for the feasibility study on the property across from the landfill on AL Hwy. 125.

*Authorized the chairman to sign an agreement with Electronic Solution to provide computer software for the county's reappraisal office.

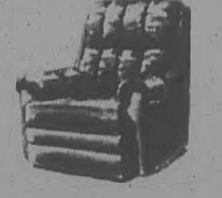
*Approval was given to use the services of Craig Remington in gathering data for the possible redistricting due to the 8.4 percent increase in the county's population according to the 2001 census. The estimated cost is \$1,500.

*Approved the exempting of county residents from garbage collection fees when the residence is unoccupied for four or more weeks providing the occupants give a two week notice.

*Appointed Joy Powell to serve the remainder of Marvin Nelson's term (expires '03) on the Mt. Pleasant Water Authority. Nelson has resigned from the board.

*Appointed Billy McKinnon to a full term on the Mt. Pleasant Water Authority.

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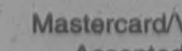
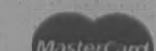


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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Katherine (Katie) Michelle Grimes. Katie is a 16-year-old employee of the First Baptist Church of Elba where she performs secretarial tasks and general office work. Katie says what she has learned most from her job is, "I have learned a lot about computers."

Katie is the daughter of Roy and Michelle Grimes. She is a junior and is involved in Sr. Beta, Spanish Club, Mu Alpha Theta, VICA reporter and is a member of Coffee County Youth Leadership. Katie says, "My parents have inspired me the most during my life. After graduation, Katie plans on attending the University of the South in Statesboro, Tennessee and major in English and Fine Arts."

EHS participates in Junior Beta convention



by Leanne Mallory
The eleventh annual Alabama Junior Beta Club Convention and Academic Competition was held March 15-16 at the Montgomery Civic Center. Elba High School attended for the second year in a row. Participants in several of the activities. Seventh grader Judson Vannoy sang "Amazing" in front of about 4,000 other Junior Beta Club members from all over the state. Seventh grader Dustin Rhoades (Social Studies), eighth grader Cassy Cooper (Math), ninth grader Brittany Smith (Science) and ninth grader Meredith English (English) took the multiple-choice exams. Meredith was awarded third place against fifty other participants. Meredith also entered a sketch in the art contest, and Brittany Smith entered a photograph in the competition. The other students from Elba who participated were Amanda Mauldin, Hunter McGuire, Timothy Jackson, Ashley Walden and Arrian Bowers. Each of the students enjoyed the talent show, inspirational speakers and good fellowship with the other honored students from across the state.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Amanda Beerenstrauch

Student Spotlight

by Francie English
Name: David Eddins
Parent: Edward Eddins
Age: 16
Grade: 10th
Favorite Color: Blue and black
Favorite Music: R & B
Club/Activities: VICA
Interests/Hobbies: Weightlifting, biking, and swimming
David Eddins was chosen to be the week's student spotlight. Auto Mechanics is the one course that David thoroughly enjoys taking. His interest in cars is the main factor to his love for this class.

When asked to choose one thing that he likes most about Elba High School, David decided that it would have to be the fact that many programs (such as the automotive program) are offered to the students. The one program that isn't available but he is interested in taking is ROTC. His most memorable moment at EHS was the homecoming dance.



David Eddins

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NEWS From ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course - Using the Microcomputer Level I, will be offering a third session this spring semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, April 2 10: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There is a \$40.00 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is March 26. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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EES travels out of this world

by Amy Kirkland
Students and teachers at Elba Elementary School have been participating in the Alabama Aerospace celebration.

During the month of March, students took part in aerospace related activities such as rocket building and launching, decorating hilly, and decorating a "magic" school bus. Guest speakers informed students about flying and outer space. Mrs. Shirlon Dye, coordinator of the program, stated that "The whole purpose of this program is to educate teachers and students about aerospace. We want them to learn how to use math and science in real life. It also encourages students to pursue careers in aerospace."



Greg Corder teaches fourth graders about their "water rockets."

Balfour visits EHS

by Carmenda Coleman
Mr. Parker with Balfour arrived at EHS at 7:45 a.m. on March 6 to deliver the remainder of graduation supplies. Some of the deliveries included invitations, thank you cards, name cards and address labels. He also came to take orders for class rings from the sophomore class and anyone else who had not previously ordered one. The rings are scheduled to be delivered in the fall.



Space inventions by students are displayed at Elba Elementary School.



"Mrs. Frizzle" (Marsha Oggs) and second graders take a ride on "The Magic School Bus."

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Students get their nose in a book

by Bethany Dye
During the week of March 5-8, Elba Elementary School held their annual bookfair. The bookfair gives the students the opportunity to purchase many different types of books while promoting enthusiasm for reading. Each class was allowed to visit the library once a day to browse through the books and make their selections. There were also other learning materials for sale such as science kits, posters and school supplies. There was even

a special visitor to the library during the bookfair, "Curious George," a popular children's book character made a special appearance.

EES also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday the week of March 5-8. Superintendent Danny Weeks came and read to the students in

an assembly and Mrs. Donna Clark's high school parenting class read to individual elementary classes. Faculty, elementary students and even high school students were reminded of the importance and fun of reading.



Dr. Seuss' birthday celebrated at EES

Elba Elementary School Menu
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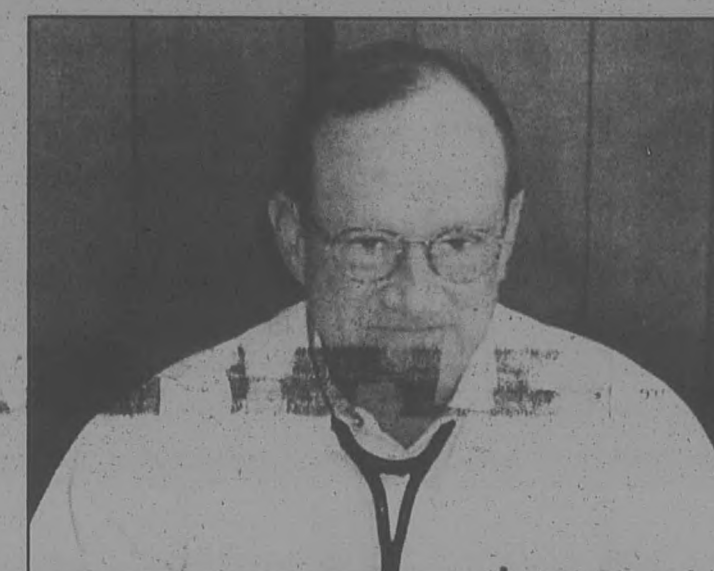
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Carrots, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, Butter Beans, Sweet Potato Patty, Roll, Milk
Wednesday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Potato Rounds, Cookie, Milk
Thursday - Lasagna, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Garlic Bread, Orange, Milk
Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was spring cleaning time for the Mularz girls last weekend, and while big sister pointed to a near empty closet after she had sorted through her clothes, little sister was all smiles as she looked through her sister's hand-me-downs and then almost filled up her closet with shirts of all shapes and sizes. Melanie has always loved to wear her sister's clothes, and now she can choose from dozens of shirts, many of which look like they were worn only once or twice. I guess sometimes it does help to have a big sister, after all!

SORTING THROUGH THE WEEK IN SPORTS...

*** I guess Elba High School's announcement last week that Julius Head was retiring as head football coach came as a surprise to just about no one. The Tigers had struggled to only four wins in Coach Head's two seasons at the Elba helm, and it was easy to see that the veteran coach was more than a little disappointed with his inability to turn the program around. Head had come to Elba with one of the best win-loss records of any high school coach in the state and 35 years of coaching experience, but simply never got anything going during his brief stay with the Tigers, and knew from his years of experience that it was time for someone else to give it a try. The resignation of Coach Head means that Elba will have a new football coach for the fourth time in six years, and that next season another coach will come in and try to turn around a football program that has won only 13 games over the past five seasons. The Elba Tigers won 150 games over an 18-year span with Mack Wood as the head coach, and then went 8-2 under David Lowery back in 1995. Since then, the Tigers have won only 13 games while losing 39, and the once proud program posted a 1-9 record last season, with the only win coming over Gulf Shores, a team in its first year of existence. It will take more than one spring training and one season to turn around a program that hasn't had a winning season in five years, and the people in Elba have to realize that it will take the support of everyone and a lot of hard work by a lot of players and coaches to turn the Tigers back into winners.

*** The big question now will be who is going to be the next head football coach at Elba High. Coach Mike Waters, a three-year assistant, was named interim coach last week and will carry the Tigers through spring training, and Waters has made it clear that he will apply for the head coaching vacancy. The school officials have stated the vacancy will be advertised and potential coaches will be interviewed, which means the process could take quite some time. I once again urge Elba City School officials to take a long look at every single application they receive and hire the person they feel will have the best shot at leading the Elba Tiger football program back to its winning ways of the past. I also urge the school officials to work with haste, and to name a new coach as soon as possible. The Elba football team has missed spring football drills a few times in recent years due to coaching vacancies, and that has helped lead the struggles in the fall. The players need to know who will be their head coach, and need to know who will be there for them during the summer, when teams are built at off-season workouts.

*** While on the subject of high school football, the Alabama High School Athletic Association released its new football alignments for the 2002-2004 seasons (not next season, but the year after), and the new look certainly didn't do the Elba Tigers any favors. W.S. Neal will be the only team that remains in the region from the existing teams, while the new teams include Calhoun, Central of Hayneville, Clarke County, T.R. Miller, Pike County and Straughn. While the trips to Gulf Shores and Washington County won't be missed, the trips to play folks like T.R. Miller, Clarke County and Pike County won't be picnic. T.R. Miller has been a 4A power for years and has a trophy case filled with state championships, while Clarke County has also developed into a football power in recent years, and Pike County appears to be headed back to its glory days of the past under Coach Wayne Grant. W.S. Neal and Straughn are also proven winners, and Elba fans had better get familiar with the roads in Lowndes County, because Calhoun and Hayneville aren't easy to find, especially at night.

*** The new AHSAA football alignments won't have as big an impact on some of the other area teams, but did have a few changes that caught my eye. Class 1A, Region 2 will still include Brantley, Pleasant Home, Arion, Zion Chapel, Florala and Kinston, but added to the region will be 2A powers Cottonwood and Houston County, which could lead to a shift in power from Crawford County over to the Wiregrass area. Class 2A, Region 2, will have New Brockton on board, as in the past, and joined with the Gamecocks will be Geneva County, Houston Academy, Red Level, Samson, Slocumb and Wicksburg, not to mention 1A strong boy G.W. Long. Not much new for the Gamecocks, but that isn't always so good to know. One of the more interesting regions in 2A will be up in Region 3, where Luverne will move down and compete with teams like Billingsley, Calera, Goshen, Highland Home, Keith, R.C. Hatch and Marbury. The Tigers may score 100 points against Hatch, but will find the competition stiff at most of the other locations. In Class 4A, Andalusia will make the move to Region 1, which means the Bulldogs will get to gash up the buses and make trips to such places as Choctawhatchee, Gulf Shores, Hillcrest of Evergreen, Jackson, Monroe County, Thomasville and UMS-Wright. Region 2 will remain very tough in the 4A ranks, and will get even tougher when Opp is added to teams like Geneva, Dale County, Ashford, Bullock County, Daleville, Headland, and Reboiled. It won't be easy, but I bet the Bobcats aren't fussing. Up in Class 5A, Region 2, the teams will also have to put on their traveling shoes since the region includes Carroll of Ozark, Escambia County of Atmore, Eufaula, Greenville, Russell County, B.T. Washington and Wilcox Central. Those teams will be crisscrossing across the state every Friday night. Class 6A had very few changes, but the folks over in Enterprise will still find it hard to pile up the wins since Region 3 includes Auburn, Central of Phenix City, Dothan, Northview, Opelika and Smiths Station.

*** The new alignments won't be as talked about in basketball, but there will be changes and the changes will affect all the area schools. The Elba Tigers will be in Class 3A, Area 2, along with Abbeville and Straughn, while the New Brockton Gamecocks will jump into Class 2A, Area 4 along with Goshen, Highland Home, G.W. Long and Luverne. In the 1A ranks, Zion Chapel and Kinston will be in Area 3 along with Arion, Cottonwood and Houston County, while Brantley will be in Area 2 and battle against Florala, McKenzie, Pleasant Home and T.F. Shields. One of the more interesting areas will be Class 3A, Area 3, where Pike County will get the honor of competing against Barbour County, Calhoun and Central of Hayneville. Both Barbour County and Calhoun won state championships this past season, while Central also made the final four. Ouch! Andalusia's basketball team will also get to hit the road since they are in the area with Gulf Shores, Hillcrest and UMS-Wright, while Opp landed in the area with Bullock County, Daleville and Geneva.

*** In closing...I was a mighty proud Dad last week when I got to sit next to my daughter as she signed an athletic scholarship with Enterprise State Junior College. Melissa has been playing softball practically all her life and grew up at the ball fields across south Alabama, and it was great to know that all her hard work and sacrifice had paid off with a scholarship. Thanks Melissa, you made me a mighty proud Dad!

Waters named interim head coach

Head resigns football post at Elba

The coaching carousel at Elba High School continued its two-year cycle last week when head football coach Julius Head announced that he would resign effective the end of the current school year.

Coach Head became the third straight head football coach at Elba High to resign after two years on the job, following David Sikes (1997-98) and David Lowery (1995-96) as former Tiger coaches that stepped down after only two years at the helm.

Elba High School principal Mike Williams announced in a news release last week that Coach Head was retiring from his post and stated, "Coach Head has been a guiding light and a great leader for the young men he has taught and coached during his outstanding career. I can personally attest that the success I have had as a student, player, educator, coach and administrator would not have been possible if not for having the opportunity to play under Coach Head while attending high school in Greenville. He has been a great role model for hundreds of students that have gone on to become successful young men. We will miss him and wish him the very best."

Coach Head came to Elba prior to the 1998 season as one of the winningest coaches in high school football in the State of Alabama, but was never able to produce that magic with the Tigers as his two Elba teams struggled to post a two-year

record of 4-16.

"I do think the program is headed in the right direction," said Coach Head, "and believe that the program is in a lot better shape than it was when I got here. We have some good kids who are working on conditioning and working really hard in the weight room, and I think better days are ahead. I have really enjoyed the last two years here at Elba High. They have a lot of wonderful kids, teachers and administrators, and I wish everyone here the best in the future."

"Last year was a disappointment for everyone associated with the program," added Head, when asked about the Tigers' 1-9 record in 2000. "I was really hoping we were going to turn things around and win some games, but we had to play a lot of young players that had never played a down in varsity competition, and we also had a few attitude problems that hurt us. It was really a very tough year."

When asked about his future in coaching, Coach Head said, "I am not ready to totally get out of coaching and I might explore some options. However, it will probably be to just help out somewhere and not as a head coach. I sat down recently and took a long look at the future, and realized I could make more money staying home than I could working. With retirement and social security combined the financial end looked pretty good, and after

37 years on the sidelines, the decision to retire really wasn't all that difficult."

The Elba Tiger football program was among the tops in the state during the 18-year reign of Coach Mack Wood, and averaged over 8 wins a season during that time while claiming two state championships and two runner-up finishes in the state playoffs. Coach David Lowery continued that success in 1995 as he led the Tigers to an 8-2 record in his first season at the helm, but since the '95 season the Tigers have suffered through five consecutive losing seasons under three different head coaches, and have completed an overall record of 13-39.

Elba Tiger assistant coach Mike Waters has been named the interim head coach while the search for a new coach is underway, and while Coach Waters has made it clear he will apply for the head coaching position, he stated his number one concern at the present time was to continue working with the players on an off-season program and to hold a brief spring training in late April.

"Our weight program has been going super since the first of the year," said Coach Waters, a three-year assistant with the Tigers. "And, we will work hard to get even stronger and faster. We had six players bench press over 300 pounds before spring break, and have had many players improve their speed as a result of the off-season program. The players are working hard and have a great attitude, and that is definitely a start in the right direction. We will hold spring training for two weeks in late April and early May, and will conclude it with a spring game. It will be an abbreviated spring practice, but we will work hard on the basics of football and try to make certain that every player is in the right position. We look for between 40 and 50 players to come out for spring training in grades 9-12, and our goal is to teach them all the fundamentals of football and to get them excited about the game."

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Elba Junior Tigers wrap up spring drills with "Black and Gold" battle

The Elba Junior High Tigers concluded two weeks of spring football practice last week with an intra-squad game, and Coach Marty Marler stated the spring drills were a success in many areas.

"We went out for seven days in pads," stated Coach Marler, "and had around 30 players take part. Our goal was to get 30 players on the junior team, and to get more of the younger players out that will be moving up from the sixth grade. We were able to accomplish both of those goals, and it was overall a very good spring."

"We did nothing but teach the basics for most of the practices," added Marler, "and started by teaching the younger players the right way to put on their equipment and how we conducted a practice. All the players worked hard at practice and learned the basics of the game. We did a lot of individual work to make certain the players all knew the right way to block and tackle, and I believe the players feel like the ones that stuck it out will be back in the fall, but the key to next season will be how hard the players work during the summer to get stronger and faster."

"We were able to put in our base offense and defense in the fall, and that should help when fall practice gets underway. Maybe in the fall we can start by just reminding the players what to do, and not have to teach from square one again. If we have the numbers come back out we hope to have some eighth grade games and some ninth grade games, and I think we will play a very competitive schedule that will help the team get better, and make the players mature."

Elba Junior High's "Black" offense is ready to roll during last week's spring game. The game featured members of next year's Junior Tigers in an intra-squad game that included offense and defense.



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Elba youth rosters are released

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has completed its player drafts for the coming baseball and softball seasons, and following are complete team rosters for Elba teams in all leagues. Teams in the leagues will also come from New Brockton and Zion Chapel, and their rosters will be published as soon as possible. (Note: players that signed up after the deadline have been placed on teams, but might not appear on the rosters.)

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Brewers - Coach Jim McCormick
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Reds - Coach Greg Hanchey
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White Sox - Coach Chris Winters
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Cobras - Coach Heather Ellis
Kayla Parks, Kierra Hammonds, Sydney Crittenden, Briana Jackson, Kei-Anna Edwards, Brandy Sankovich, Adora Goosby, Ashley Snell, Alexis Tillis, Aubrey Bane

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Salina Duncan, Molly McGuire, Kayla McWaters, Shambria Thomas, Lindsey Carney, Cortnee Driggers, Courtney Rugg, Persenphone Pretynnam, Kendall Cole, Selina Stokes, Haley Bryan

Swallows - Coach Kim Bane
Paige Dewberry, Tiffany Bradshaw, Elissa Dewberry, Bailey Daugherty, Sarah Bane, Ashley Pitts, Paige Jones, Katelyn Calhoun, Verlinqua Hooks, Camery Mathews

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Maize Thomas, Amanda Geddings, Rebecca Baer, Rachel Morrow, JoJo McBride, Brittany Johnson, Kelly Miller, Courtney Richardson, Shelby Moore

Bats - Coach Tonya Creel
Briana Rogers, Daniqua Horstead, Lindsey Sikes, Ashley Cooks, Danielle Hardwick, Taylor Creel, Yuesha Terry, Ashley Taylor, Erica Daniels, April Finedore, Kashundra Hardwick

GIRLS 10 AND UNDER

Varminits - Coach Ricky Mularz

Brandy Caldwell, Brandi Taylor, Megan Anderson, Kayla Kysner, Amber Coleman, Jennifer Barlow, Marissa Bludworth, Tiffany Crawford, Brittany Caldwell, Kayla Miller, Heather Reeves, Alyssa Walden, Haannah Manning, Melanie Mularz, Anna Petty, Krystan Parker, Afondra Thigpen

Bandits - Coach Marietta Carpenter

Chessee Cross, Tiffany Johnson, Starla Fields, Kolera Burrows, Tierney Starks, Ashley Carpenter, Angela Lowery, Toshamba Jones, Tiffany Hartin, Haley Stinson, Kisiwanna Cole, Michelle Aruz, Amanda Henderson, Kimberly Cooks, Connie Moore, Emily Driggers, Sherrica Daniels

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increase for this group will be \$49.50 per month.

Industrial Service also includes the Demand Charge explained above, and it will not change. There are three accounts in this category, and the new rate is \$0.49 per kWh for the first 100,000 kWh, plus \$0.43 per kWh for the next 200,000 kWh, plus \$0.31 per kWh for all over 300,000 kWh. Each of these categories also reflect an increase of \$0.3 per kWh. The three accounts in this

category are the Alabama Chip Mill, Kleinfert and Dorsey Trailers.

Security Light cost will increase from the current rate of \$5.00 to \$5.95 per month.

The total revenue generated by this rate increase is \$209,700. Board members saw in the annual audit that wholesale rates had increased over \$100,000 without a compensating increase in income, during the last fiscal year and wholesale cost, plus operating

expense increases will continue to rise in the current year.

Also included in the sweeping rate increases was a policy to charge new commercial accounts an electrical deposit of \$250.

In addition to these increases, the utility users will continue to be billed for the fuel adjustment charges which are billed to the city by the wholesale supplier. These numbers vary each month and are based on the fluctuating cost to the wholesaler for purchased fuel to operate the electric generators. This fuel adjustment on an actual residential user, using 747 kwh during the past month, was \$1.87. In addition there is the Alabama utility tax which is based on the amount of the bill and thus will also increase slightly with the new rates.

Board member David Bandstra expressed reluctance to pass the increase, but added it was "something we are going to have to do."

Board Chairman Tim Johnson added that in approving this increase, the board members were voting against their own pocketbooks as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING PROJECT NO. BR-1602 (104) COFFEE COUNTY

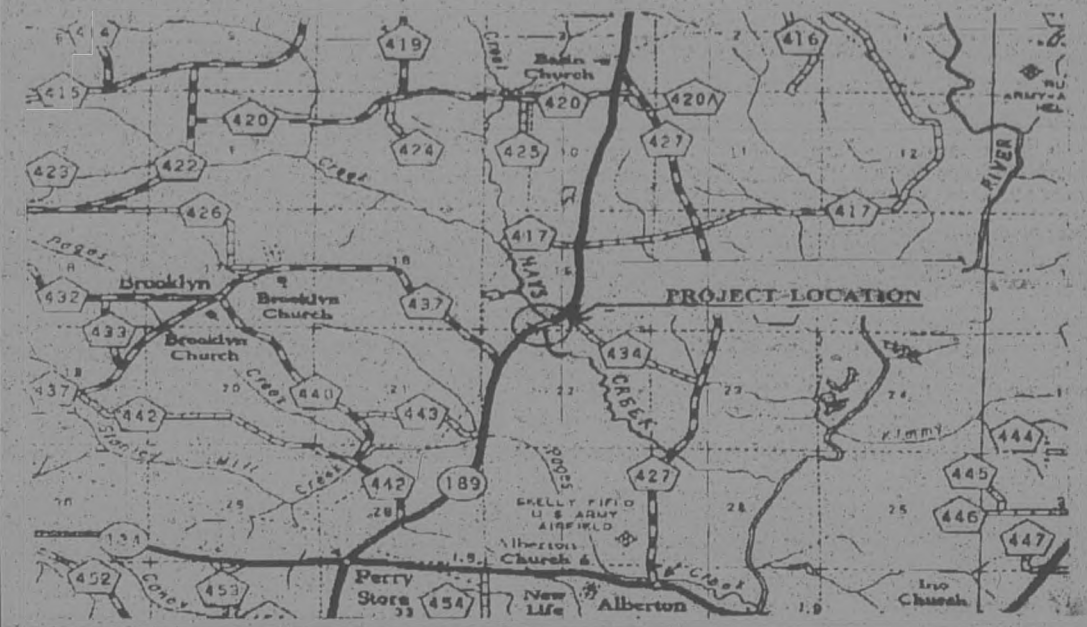
The Alabama Department of Transportation will hold a Public Involvement Meeting for Project No. BR-1602 (104), Coffee County, on April 19, 2001 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. at the Kinston Town Hall located at 718 Main Street in Kinston. This project concerns the bridge replacement over Hays Creek on SR-189 in Coffee County.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens can schedule their attendance at their convenience during the above-stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided project information by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with Department of Transportation personnel.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to express comments about the project in an informal atmosphere through discussions with Department of Transportation personnel and/or in writing on the comment forms provided at the meeting.

Persons with disabilities who may need special assistance should contact the Alabama Department of Transportation's Division Office, Highway 87 South, Troy, Alabama or call (334) 670-2452 at least one week in advance of the hearing.

Public attendance is urged and input is solicited.



4-H OFFICERS...The officers in Mrs. Judy Moody's 5th grade 4-H club at Kinston are (front, left to right): Caitlin Tindell, president; Ashley Kelley, vice president; Ashley Kelley, secretary; Christine Whigham, reader; (back) Shayla Ballard and Shelley Forehand, song leaders.

County students inducted into education honor society at TSU

Three students from Coffee County have been named to the Troy State University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for students majoring in education.

Inducted into the prestigious honor society were Obie Gene Reeves of Elba, a senior majoring in comprehensive mathematics education; Angela L. Jirright of Elba, a senior majoring in K-6 elementary/intermediate education; and Amy Suzanne Osborn of Enterprise, a graduate student majoring in elementary education.

The Kappa Delta Pi induction ceremony was held as part of the College of Education's annual recognition banquet held recently at the Adams Student Center on the TSU campus.

News from Our Service Folks

Marine Corps Pfc. Anthony R. King Jr., a 2000 graduate of Kinston High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Army National Guard Pfc. Robert M. Maddox has graduated from the heavy-duty vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Maddox is the son of Paula M. and Dale F. Maddox of Elba.

Hartford Fire Department to hold Annual Car Show

The Hartford Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their second Annual Car Show on April 7, 2001.

This year the event will be held in the empty lot behind the Big/Little Store and across from the National Guard Armory at the Intersections of Hwy. 167 & Hwy. 52.

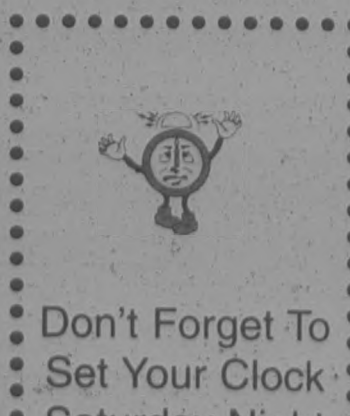
Registration will begin at 8 a.m. until noon and judging will begin at 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. with prizes awarded at 2:30 p.m. Entry fee will be \$15 for an entry car and \$10 for any additional car judged. Admission is free to browse and look.

Bring your entry vehicle restored or not yet completely finished or even that special newer model.

Other events will include concessions serving hot dogs, Polish sausage and drinks. There will be several drawings during the day. Several area fire departments will have their antique fire truck on display also for the public to see.

This is a fund raising event for the Hartford Fire Department and all proceeds will go toward equipment and supplies.

For more information call Rich Brannon at 588-2231 or you may contact the Hartford Fire Department-588-2192.



Don't Forget To Set Your Clock Saturday Night For Daylight Savings Time Change Sunday April 1st!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gary Allen receives PRO Award

Gary Allen of Elba, agent for Alfa Insurance, has received the PRO Award for 2000. The award was presented by Wayne Hawkins, exec. v.p. of marketing, and Hardy Bryan, district manager, in Montgomery, Feb. 22.

Allen has served as an Alfa Insurance agent for 15 years. He is a member of the

Coffee/Geneva County Life Underwriters Association and past president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and attends Elba United Methodist Church.

A native of Coffee County, Allen is married to Jenny Hamm of Elba and they have three children: Justin, Mallory and Kevin.

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HERB GARDEN CLASS...Mrs. Esther Hornsby, Mrs. Elsie Hilton and Mrs. Wanda Shirley were the teachers of an Herb Garden Class on Tuesday, March 20, in New Brockton. The program featured herb teas and their uses.

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Cancer Support Group meets at St. Luke United Methodist Church-Enterprise

The Coffee County General Cancer Support Group meets every third Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise at 6:30 p.m. The support group is for cancer patients and their families seeking help and hope.

Coffee County Schools Menu April 2 - 6, 2001	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn Dogs, Italian Green Beans, Corn, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Blueberry Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburgers, Turkey Roast, Butterbeans, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Pancake Pops, Syrup or Honey, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Red Beans & Sausage, Tossed Salad, Potato Rounds, Rice, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Donuts w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Burrito, Chicken Nuggets, Whole White Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit, Roll, Milk
Friday - Sausage, Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Pepperoni Pizza, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Pineapple Pudding with Vanilla Wafers, Milk

The Peoples Bank plans events to benefit Coffee County Relay for Life

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County has again this year pledged to be an active team for the Relay for Life in the fight against cancer.

Employees of the bank said they are very excited about joining in this fight and have named their team, "The Looters."

The bank will host several projects to help reach its monetary goal of \$3,000. Employees will be bagging groceries at the Elba MarketPlace for tips and donations on Saturday, March 31, Saturday, April 7, and again on Saturday, May 5.

Also, the suns and moons will be on sale for \$1 each along with luminaries. The suns are in honor of people who currently have or have had the dreaded disease of cancer. The moons are in memory of those individuals who have been lost to cancer. The luminaries may be purchased for \$5 each and are placed around the track at Enterprise State Junior College on the night of the Relay. At a specific time during the evening, all lights are turned off and the luminaries are lit in memory of or in honor of people with cancer.

The bank will also sponsor a bake sale on Thursday and Friday before Easter. Everyone is encouraged to come by and pick out a cake for that special weekend. The hours of the bake sale will be 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Last but not least, will be the flock of pink flamingos. Local residents may wake up one morning and find those flamingos roosting in their lawn. In connection with this, The Peoples Bank of Coffee County is asking for a donation of \$25 or more to have the flamingos moved to your friends lawn or some other place that you would like to see them roosting. Just call The Peoples Bank and ask for Stacey Parker or Henrietta Grimes to pledge money and give the name of the person whose lawn the flamingos will visit next.

This is an effort where The Peoples Bank of Coffee County can join hands with all its neighbors across the county and together fight to find a cure for cancer.

55 ALIVE Mature Driving offered at Elba Senior Center

MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program will offer a 55 ALIVE Mature Driving Course on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day.

Developed by the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), this program helps mature drivers, age 50 and older, to refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. As a BONUS for taking the course, participants are eligible for automobile insurance discounts. Interested participants should check with their insurance agent concerning a discount for taking the course.

The two half-day sessions will be held at the Elba Senior Center, 304 Factory Street (on the square). Participants are required to attend both days to receive a certificate of completion. Cost per individual to take the class is \$10.00, payable to AARP. Payment will be due at the first class meeting. The course is limited to 35 participants. Participants must be age 50 or older. To sign up for the course or to receive more information, please contact Cindy Clark at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

Stay Connected to Your Co-op

Don't miss the CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 5



CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1990 Dodge Grand Caravan, to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2001 CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 5. Other major prizes include a 25-inch TV, microwave oven, VCR, electric grill and \$150 cash.

You Could Win!

In addition to six major prizes, about 30 other gifts will be awarded. Registered Covington Electric Cooperative members will receive a free automatic umbrella and other useful gifts. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes. For complete rules and regulations, please see the March issue of *Alabama Living* magazine.

Thursday, April 5

COVINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Andalusia Kiwanis Community Center

Registration — 3 p.m.

Entertainment — 5:30 p.m.

Business Session — 7 p.m.



Family Entertainment

Southern gospel group, The Fox Brothers, will entertain the crowd during this year's CEC Annual Membership Meeting at the Kiwanis Community Center in Andalusia. The Fox Brothers received the "Entertainer of the Year" award by the Christian Country Gospel Music Association in 1999 and "Vocal Group of the Year" by the Country Gospel Music Guild in 1998 and 1999.

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